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TINTWISTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Medical Officer's Report for the year ending December 31st, 1949.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1949 and which  
relates, in the main, to statistics.

Population.

The population figure estimated as 1,262 by the Registrar  
General shows an increase of 43 persons over the previous twelve  
months. Whilst a reduction in the birth rate and an increase in  
the death rate are recorded, it can only be assumed that by the  
Council's action in pressing forward with new housing accommodation  
the increase in population can be ascribed to new residents coming  
into the district from outside areas.

Births.

The number of live births registered was 15 of which 8 were  
males and 7 females - one child being illegitimate.

The Birth Rate was therefore 11.9 per thousand, compared with  
a figure of 15.6 in 1948 and 16.7 for the country as a whole.

Deaths.

The number of deaths registered was 18 of which 9 were males  
and 9 females.

The Death Rate therefore was 14.3 per thousand, compared with  
8.2 for 1948 and 11.7 for the country as a whole.

The causes of death were certified as under:-

Cancer.	4
Heart Disease.	5
Disease of Circulation.	5
Senility.	2
Bronchitis.	1
Other.	<u>1</u>
	<u>18</u>

There were no deaths among infants under 12 months of age,  
and 55% of all deaths were aged 75 years or over.



### Infectious Diseases.

No serious epidemic occurred, and among the cases reported the condition was of mild degree. These were as under:-

Scarlet Fever.	3
Measles.	22
Erysipelas.	<u>1</u>
Total.	<u>26</u>

### Tuberculosis.

The number of cases of Tuberculosis on the register is 3, all of which are non-pulmonary. One case previously on the register has been deleted as having recovered during 1949.

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

### Care of Mothers and Babies.

The Clinic held in Christ Church School, Tintwistle, opened on 13th January 1949, was held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. A doctor, a nurse and members of the Ladies' Voluntary Committee attend each session.

Occasions have occurred when the heating on the building was inadequate, but upon making representations to the owners complaints of this deficiency are now of infrequent occurrence.

Attendances were as under:-

<u>New Cases.</u>	<u>Total Attendances.</u>	<u>Seen by Doctor.</u>
50	673	214

Provision is made for cases resident in the extreme limits of the area to be provided with motor transport to attend the clinic once per month.

The continued interest taken by the Ladies' Voluntary Welfare Committee is providing valuable assistance such as the sale of infant foods etc., teas to the mothers, and clerical duties in connection with the clinic, is worthy of special

Voluntary work of this nature affords an atmosphere in clinics which provides to the mothers a sense that the attention received is at least partly provided by local residents. Much of the success of this Clinic must therefore be ascribed to this link with their neighbours, even if the professional staff may be supplied from outside areas.



### Nursing Services.

The services of a Health Visitor, whose duties also include the area covered by the Longdendale U.D.C. are available and include the visiting in the homes of all children under the age of five years, attendances at the Clinic, and the visiting of school children in need of medical supervision.

A District Midwife, resident in Hollingworth, has included in her district the area of the Tintwistle R.D.C. for confinements taking place in the homes.

Cases of general sickness can upon the request of the family doctors, receive nursing attention from a District Nurse resident in Hollingworth.

### Domestic Help.

Home Help is available for cases of confinement, infirmity etc. one person applying for help during the year.

### Ambulance Facilities.

Ambulance transport for the sick during 1949 was the responsibility of the Hyde Health Division of the Cheshire County Council.

As in the case of other areas and as a result of the operation of the National Health Act, the requests for ambulance transport have materially increased.

The number of journeys during 1949 was 77 compared with 26 during 1948.

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### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Mr. H. Dane, part-time Sanitary Inspector to your Council, has supplied me with the following particulars:-

#### Water Supply.

The source of supply is provided by the Manchester Corporation from the Woodhead catchment area. The water supply is adequate and of good quality.

#### Closet Accommodation.

The majority of premises are fitted with the water carriage system of drainage - the number being 420. There are only 4 premises where a pail type of closet is in existence.





Refuse.

Ashbins are the usual method for the collection of household waste, there being 450 bins in use, which are emptied weekly.

No ashpits or privy middens exist within the area.

Sanitary Inspections.

The number of Inspections made in accordance with the Sanitary Officers Regulations, 1935, were (approximately) 900

Statutory Notices served	5
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Informal Notices served	50
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Dairies and Milk Supply.

The number of farms at which milk is produced is 4, and bottled milk is supplied at 1 premises. All are inspected periodically, sampling for cleanliness and quality being under the control of the County Council.

Rodent Control.

Under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, regular surveys have been carried out - sewers, outfall works and the refuse tip being treated with poisons at least six times per year.

I am appreciative of the assistance rendered me by members of the Councils and for information supplied by the other officials.

I remain,

Yours obediently,

F.W.C. BROWN.

Medical Officer of Health.

December, 1950.

